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1. ERADICATION AND INTERDICTION SUMMARY

A. PREVIOUS REPORTS THAT RECENT PLANTATIONS OF
OPIUM POPPIES WERE BEING SIGHTED IN THE OPERATIONAL
AREA WERE CONFIRMED BY DEA OBSERVATIONS NEAR SAN
JOSE DEL LLANO, SINALOA.

B. A RELOCATION OF MEXICAN ERADICATION TROOPS TO
DURANGO AND CHIHUAHUA, WHERE LARGE CONCENTRATIONS
OF POPPY PLANTATIONS REMAIN TO BE DESTROYED, IS
UNDERWAY. AGREEMENT TO PERMIT MILITARY TROOPS
TO CROSS MILITARY ZONE BOUNDARIES TO WORK ON
THE ERADICATION OF POPPIES AND MARIHUANA HAS
RESOLVED MILITARY JURISDICTIONAL PROBLEMS.

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C. AN INCREASE IN INTERDICTION AND FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATIVE SUCCESSES OCCURRED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD, AS REFLECTED IN INTERDICTION STATISTICS BELOW.

D. AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS CONTINUE TO PLAGUE THE CAMPAIGN. MUCH-NEEDED PARTS AND EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN AIR SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, REPORTEDLY ON WAY TO CULIACAN FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, HAVE NOT ARRIVED.

E. FIFTY THOUSAND ROUNDS OF 9 MM AMMUNITION ARRIVED IN CULIACAN BUT WEAPONS PURCHASED BY USG FOR USE OF MEXICAN OFFICIALS HAVE NOT.

2. STATISTICS

A. ERADICATIONS STATISTICS FOR WEEK

OPIUM POPPIES

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	481	
SQUARE METERS UNDER CULTIVATION		
DESTROYED	1,507,309	
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED		24,127,257

MARIHUANA

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	73	
SQUARE METERS UNDER CULTIVATION		
DESTROYED	207,451	
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED		6,510,465

MIXED PLANTATIONS (MARIHUANA AND POPPIES)

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	3	
SQUARE METERS UNDER CULTIVATION		
DESTROYED	7,700	
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED		1,064,000

B. CUMULATIVE ERADICATION STATISTICS

POPPIES

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PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	2,847	
SQUARE METERS OF SURFACE AREA DESTROYED		7,712,217
TOTAL PLANTS DESTROYED	186,150,595	
TOTAL ACRES DESTROYED	1,904	

MARIHUANA

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	1,276	
SQUARE METERS OF SURFACE AREA DESTROYED		3,357,218

TOTAL PLANTS DESTROYED	135,124,015	
TOTAL ACRES DESTROYED	830	
MIXED (POPPIES AND MARIHUANA)		
PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	125	
SQUARE METERS OF SURFACE AREA DESTROYED	667,770	
TOTAL PLANTS DESTROYED	30,437,243	
TOTAL ACRES DESTROYED	165	
BUNDLES OF POPPIES DESTROYED	35	
BUNDLES OF MARIHUANA DESTROYED	27	
PERSONS ARRESTED AT FARM SITES	25	
MARIHUANA DRYING SHEDS DESTROYED	53	
IRRIGATION PUMPS DESTROYED	2	
TRACTORS SEIZED	1	
METERS OF IRRIGATION HOSE DESTROYED	5,585	
OPIUM GUM SEIZED	20 GRAMS	
BOXES OF BLASTING CAPS SEIZED	6	
FUSE CORD SEIZED	1 ROLL	

C. INTERDICTION STATISTICS FOR WEEK

9 ARRESTS

475 KILOGRAMS OF MARIHUANA DESTROYED

3.7 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM GUM SEIZED

20 GRAMS OF COCAINE SEIZED

1 AIRPLANE SEIZED

3 GROUND VEHICLES SEIZED

C. CUMULATIVE INTERDICTION STATISTICS

335 ARRESTS IN THE FOUR STATES OF SINALOA, CHIHUAHUA,
DURANGO, AND SONORA.

41 GROUND VEHICLES SEIZED

4 LIGHT AIRPLANES SEIZED

52,888 KILOGRAMS OF MARIHUANA SEIZED OR DESTROYED

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98 RIFLES, SHOTGUNS, AND HAND GUNS SEIZED

15 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN IN PROCESS DESTROYED

14.475 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN SEIZED

3 LITERS OF OPIUM CONCENTRATE (MORPHINE BASE) DESTROYED

15.7 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM GUM SEIZED

1.040 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE SEIZED

28.120 KILOGRAMS OF POPPY SEEDS SEIZED OR DESTROYED

1 HAND GRENADE SEIZED

2,000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION SEIZED

3. COMPASS TRIP

FOUR COMPASS TRIP (REMOTE SENSING) MISSIONS IDENTIFIED

189 ADDITIONAL POPPY FIELDS IN THIS PERIOD, BUT MEXICAN
CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR NOT UTILIZING INFO GATHERED.

4. COMMENT

MN-UTILIZATION OF INFO GENERATED BY COMPASS TRIP
(PARA 3 ABOVE) AT THIS POINT HAS NO OPERATIONAL
SIGNIFICANCE SINCE MORE FIELDS THAN CAN BE DESTROYED HAVE
BEEN IDENTIFIED BY CONVENTIONAL MEANS. ALSO, GOOD
WORKING RELATIONSHIP EXISTS AT LOWER LEVEL, RESULTING
IN THE INTERFACE DESIRED BETWEEN COMPASS TRIP INTELLIGENCE
AND ERADICATION EFFORTS. JOVA

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